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Deep Sea Fishing
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be pleased to state:
(a) the details of the new Government policy on deep sea fishing;
(b) whether the Government has framed any policy for the promotion of fisheries sector in various States of the country including Kerala for the welfare of the traditional fishermen;
(c) if so the details thereof; and
(d) the details of the assistance provided by the Government to the traditional fishermen of the country for deep sea fishing?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) A Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy, was promulgated in 2004 which inter alia provides guidance for development of deep sea fishing. No separate Policy has since been announced on deep-sea fishing.
(b) & (c) 'Fisheries' is a State subject. The Union Government through Central Sector Scheme on 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' provides assistance to the States for promotion of fisheries sector in various States of the country including Kerala. Under the component of 'National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen' of said umbrella Scheme of Blue Revolution, assistance is provided to traditional fishers for housing, basic amenities for fishers including drinking water facility, construction of community hall, Group Accident Insurance for active fishermen, saving-cum-relief during fishing ban/lean period, etc.
(d) Under the component of 'Development of Marine Fisheries'of the Blue Revolution Scheme, assistance is provided for motorization of traditional craft and safety of fishermen at sea. Besides, assistance is also provided to traditional/artisanal fishermen for (i) procurement of Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) boats upto 10m overall length as a replacement for traditional/wooden boats including nets, and (ii) procurement of insulated fish & ice holding boxes. A rebate on high speed diesel (HSD) for fishers is also provided under the said component.
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